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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No.: 1341
Jody G. Redepenning :
Serial No.: 10/034,805 : Group Art Unit: 1753
Filed: December 27, 2001 : Examiner: Edna WONG
For: Electrolytic Deposition of Coatings for :
Prosthetic Metals and Alloys :

McLean, Virginia
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

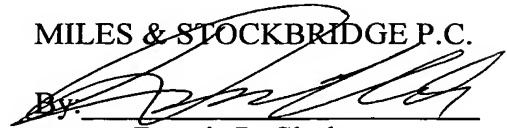
In response to the requirement for restriction made in the Official Letter dated March 16, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Group II, namely Claims 20-36, drawn to a method, classified in class 205, subclass 318, without prejudice to applicant's right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions I, III, IV and V.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to reconsider the requirement for restriction, at least to the extent of including Groups III and V, also drawn to methods classified in Class 205, subclass 318, like elected Group II. It is not seen that an undue burden would be placed on the Examiner by examining Groups II, III and V together since the fields of search for all would be the same.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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